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## MEXICO.

We may as well prepare for the worst in Mexico. The signs of the times are too plain to be misunderstood. If the conflict does come it is to be hoped that our authorities will not underestimate the situation.

It has been said that Gen. R. E. Lee, who was an officer in the Mexican war, stated that the Mexicans had in them the making of good soldiers. For the past five years warfare has been the chief occupation of a large part of the population, and the experience has developed many seasoned soldiers and capable officers.

The Mexican soldier is by no means a coward. The conflicts of the past five years have been marked with many battles where the troops fought with the highest bravery, at times almost to extermination.

There are now probably from 100,000 to 150,000 soldiers in the various parts of Mexico, enough when collected to make an army of no inconsiderable importance. If fighting with our troops begins the factional troubles in Mexico will soon disappear and all will join in war on the hated "Gringo." By embargo on arms and financial difficulties the Mexicans will ultimately be reduced to severe straits, but in the meantime we will have more on our hands than a before-breakfast affair.

## IMPROPER MOVING PICTURES

A late Chattanooga lecturer emphasized the harmfulness of improper moving pictures. Every thoughtful father and mother should remember his warning.

Why guard your small boy from the nickel novel if he is allowed to go to some movie where he can pour out his soul's admiration on a swaggering desperado decked out with revolvers which it would be a crime to wear on our streets? Why pride yourself that your youthful son has never seen a bar-room if he can gaze upon a life-like depiction of men hanging over saloon counters and drinking or dancing with cigarette-adorned females? What if your young daughter can see all this and top it off with a plot suggestive of disloyalty of husband or wife?

Pictures of the proper kind are entertaining and instructive in the highest degree; but in an improper picture are untold possibilities for evil.

We suppose there will be a flood of volunteers for Mexican service from among the brave ones who stormed Chicago and St. Louis bent on taking over man's burdens from poor, degenerate man.

Whenever you meet a National Guardsman in the next few days do not fail to ask him if he is ready to go, and if he wants to go. There will probably not be over nineteen hundred and ninety-nine who have already asked him the same question.

## LITTLE, LITTLE.

That so-called "special dispatch from Washington" to Senator Lea's paper, the Nashville Tennessean, in which the writer gratuitously spoke of Senator Shields as the "Surly Boss," was a bit of petty spite and an exhibition of ill-nature too little for a great newspaper, owned by a United States Senator, and which poses as the organ of the Democratic party in Tennessee, to indulge in.

This paper would have been glad to have seen Hon. Thad A. Cox made Chairman of the State Democratic Committee, but Senators Shields and McKellar had the same right to be for Judge Hill, if such was the fact, that we had to be for Mr. Cox.

In the diatribe in the Tennessean it is said that it is customary to allow the candidate for Governor to select the Chairman of the committee. We deny that there was any such custom in Tennessee. But if there has been such a custom it is time for it to be abolished since we now elect United States senators by the people. Why should the candidate for Governor have the right to select a Chairman in preference to the candidate for Senator? Is not the latter of equal dignity and importance? Even if the candidates for Governor and Senator should agree as to who they wanted for Chairman it is not their province to make the selection. That is a duty which devolves upon the members of the State Committee. The committee has made its selection and there should be no more friction, but all Democrats should rally to the sup-

port of Rye and McKellar. But what we started out to do was to administer a mild rebuke to the Tennessean for its spiteful and little attack on Senator Shields. It was just such attacks that defeated its owner for a renomination to be Senate.

## WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

(Chattanooga Times.)

It is fortunate that all of the women who are demanding the vote are not as some of their leaders. At a meeting of suffragists in Chicago Tuesday, which was addressed by men of national reputation and of prominence, certain incidents occurred which go to drive home with greater force many of the arguments against the fetish of woman suffrage.

Dudley Field Malone was addressing the meeting and was attempting to tell why he favored the enactment of federal suffrage legislation. "Tell it to the president," said a voice in the audience. "I shall be happy to tell it to the president," replied Mr. Malone, "but I shall tell it in a tone of respect." And again: Victor Murdock was the speaker and Mrs. Harriet Stanton Blatch interrupted to ask "whether his expressions of friendship were deep enough to fight for a suffrage plank in the republican platform in case the two parties were consolidated."

"I certainly will," said Mr. Murdock.

"You do not say that sincerely," replied Mrs. Blatch.

From these and other incidents the observer is led to believe that all that is gentle, respectful and courteous in woman has fled to the winds when the question of suffrage is at stake—disrespectful in their thought and words to the president of their country, brutal and harsh in their treatment of a speaker who does not entirely agree with their methods, and discourteous to others of whose sincerity they have some doubt. Methods such as these are not arguments and will not win their fight, and the longer they pursue them the further away they will be from attaining their object.

It would not be amiss, in view of the tendency of the militant spirit of suffragists, to read and ponder what De Maupassant wrote on this subject, years ago and which is spoken by one of his male characters in "Les Dimanches d'un Bourgeois."

"Mesdames I have asked to be permitted to speak in order to combat your theories. To demand for women civil rights equal to those exercised by men is equivalent to demanding the end of your power. The exterior aspect alone of women reveals that she is not destined for hard physical labor, nor prolonged intellectual efforts. Her sphere is another, but not less beautiful. She puts poetry into life. By the power of her grace, the glance of her eye, the charm of her smile she dominates man, who dominates the world. Man has strength which you cannot take from him; but you have seduction which captivates his strength. Of what do you complain? Since the world began you have been queens and rulers. Nothing is done without you. It is for you that all fine work is accomplished."

"But the day in which you become our equals, civility and politeness, you will become our rivals. Take care then, that the charm that constitutes your whole strength shall not be broken. For then, as we are incontestably the more vigorous and better equipped for the sciences and arts, your inferiority will appear and you will become truly oppressed."

You have a fine role to play, mesdames, since for us you represent the whole seductiveness of life, the illimitable illusion, the eternal reward of our efforts. Do not seek to change this. Besides, you will never succeed in doing so. I believe it was Dryden who said that— "True art is but nature to advantage dressed. What oft was thought but ne'er so well expressed."

(Journal and Tribune.)

The news that came, telling of the impeachment of Judge Edgington, of the criminal court of Shelby county, was not unexpected by any one who had kept track of the trial, and the evidence heard by the senate, acting in the capacity of a court of impeachment, nevertheless it was heard with sorrow.

When a man has been elected to a judicial office and goes so far wrong that he must be removed from office, in the manner provided by the constitution, it is a matter of sincere sorrow to every good citizen who feels the necessity of the honor of the judiciary being upheld. It is a cause for sincere regret, that the voters in any jurisdiction are capable of making the mistake of electing an unworthy man to such an office. It cannot be expected of a judge, who himself has been guilty of criminal acts, may be depended upon to do his part in the enforcement of criminal laws.

There are honest and clean voters in Memphis, just as honest and just as clean, as voters in any other city in the state, or in the land. It is

but just to that class of voters in Memphis to say they claim that Judge Edgington was given an office in the holding of which he has sunk to the lowest plane of disgrace, as a result of fraud in elections and not that he was the choice of a majority of the honest voters of the county. It is said that he was a product of machine politics, the machine having an organization that could tell as well before an election as could be told after the election was held, how many votes its tool would receive or what his majority would be.

The verdict of the senators composing the impeachment court was practically unanimous, and it is to be hoped that the fate of the convicted and deposed jurist will serve as a warning for all time to come, that will prevent the voters of the state from electing judges who will not stand a reasonable test.

## MAKE IT THOROUGH.

(Nashville Banner.)

The opinion seems to be quite universal that if the Mexicans force Uncle Sam to lick them, the licking should be thoroughly done.

Long suffering, forbearance, watchful waiting, or whatever name American patience and tolerance of Mexican outrage may be called, has done no good. Though they have expended much wrath on each other, they appear to have saved more for Americans, and their dislike assumes continually more offensive forms.

The only thing left seems to be to treat them in the manner they appear to court.

It will be a very disagreeable task to make a conquest of Mexico. The trouble and expense it will cost will be much greater than any possible benefit. The Banner has often felt that there was no possible solution of the Mexican problem but force, but it has always favored the preservation of peace if possible. It still holds to that position, but it accedes to what appears to be the general sentiment that if the Mexicans force war, it should be such a war that its repetition will not be necessary.

Senator Chamberlain, Chairman of the Senate Military Committee, was quoted yesterday as saying: "The Mexican people, so largely ignorant, have a notion that they can whip us, and it will be necessary for us to go in and clean up the situation."

If it is to be made a war of education the Mexican understanding should be put entirely right.

No doubt their belligerent attitude has been induced largely by such a misconception, but it is a popular fallacy. Carranza knows better, and many educated Mexicans familiar with conditions in the United States know the vast superiority of this country in military strength. But it doesn't appear that any sort of wise counsel from any source prevails in Mexico, and many of the better informed appear to be afflicted with a manner of Quixotism that is as bad and perhaps more dangerous than ignorance.

If President Wilson is forced to make war, it is quite likely that he will give full response to the demand that it be vigorous. He has been so much criticized by his political enemies on the score of delay and leniency in dealing with Mexico, and there is such a disposition to make these charges a factor in the pending campaign that his policy may be to answer them with a vigorous and determined movement, leaving no ground for further criticism on that score.

Then the logic of the situation demands that if we must fight Mexico the war be made to suffice for all time—that the possibilities of further annoyance from that quarter that we have so long suffered be wiped out.

Now that war is imminent with Mexico, Texas will remember very forcibly the Alamo.

The republicans and democrats in Washington county are looking forward to a warm fight between the various candidates for sheriff and D. E. Fine for tax assessor, leaving the trustees' race open. The republican nominees are Maj. J. W. Weeks for trustee, Lola Reine for sheriff, and Steve Rowell for tax assessor.

It seems now that a war with Mexico is inevitable. This is to be regretted, but since the Mexicans desire the clash, Uncle Sam will accommodate them. This means the loss of valuable lives and great suffering—a war with all its horrors. To use the language of a noted American general, "war is hell."

## GENUINE PATRIOTISM.

Representatives of the American Tobacco Company, in Chicago, have announced that all employees of the company as members of the National Guard, called for service, would receive full pay as long as engaged.

We sometimes squabble among ourselves and have our little spats, but when it comes to a foreign foe we are a unit.

## PRINTING PRESSMEN'S CONVENTION OPENS

Not a Man Has Been Called Out on Strike, Says President George L. Berry—Notes of the Convention.

PRESSMEN'S HOME, Tenn., June 19.—President George L. Berry of the International Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union, in responding to the cordial welcome and greetings that had been given by the speakers preceding him at the opening session of the Pressmen's convention, referred to the work of the organization since the last biennial session.

"The welcome of the state of Tennessee and of the county of Hawkins with the splendid greetings from the government of the United States brings to us a consciousness that we have performed a service to the cause of humanity," he said.

"There is more than you have seen at this place in the policies of the International Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union of North America. We appreciate, of course, the very high compliment that you have paid us in our efforts to promote education and efficiency and to meet the humanitarian requirements of our aged and afflicted membership in the building of a great trade school, a great home for superannuation and a sanatorium for our tubercular afflicted members, but beyond this work which constitutes a side issue of our purposes, I am pleased to direct your attention to the fact that throughout the great breadth of North America and extending into sections of South America and the far east we have enjoyed a period of industrial peace and prosperity that can be classed as generally satisfactory."

"It is a pleasure to announce to our guests and delegates to this convention that for nearly three years we have directed the ship through peaceful channels and today we can boast of the fact that with the thousands of wage disputes and controversies occurring in all sections of our jurisdiction, that not one man has been called out on strike. It is not stretching our imagination or the truth to say that all of the industries of our great continent none have a better understanding with the employers than do the pressmen and assistants. Moreover, it is a happy confirmation of the fact that where understanding and peace reign there always exists a basis of co-operation that bespeaks of industrial prosperity and happiness among all of the unions of our industry. Our movement seeks a basis of genuine co-operation. It struggles for the uniform protection and uplift of those in the business in which we are engaged. We recognize the principle of community interest. We acknowledge that the economic success of employer and employee alike must be calculated by the condition of the industry in which we are engaged. We do not assume that the industry can give us economic life and happiness unless it is productive of profit. We embrace the theory that there can be no improvement in our condition of life except by a healthy, prosperous condition of our industry."

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## TO PAY EMPLOYEES

WHILE IN SERVICE

AT BATTLE FRONT

DURHAM, N. C., June 19.—Officials of the Durham Hosiery Mills Company today posted notices in the mill here stating that any employee of the company, who at the present time is a member of the State militia and who reports for military duty will be paid by the company the difference between the wages as a workman and a soldier, while on active service. The order also applies to the company's mills at Tarboro, Chapel Hill, High Point, Goldsboro and Mebane.

An exchange observes as follows: "The criminal element which unfortunately develops in most communities and is a menace to society, religion and good government, is frequently encouraged in its dastardly crimes by unscrupulous attorneys who take advantage of technicalities, etc., and thus defeat justice. Usually the criminal element 'flocks' together and nothing is too low down for this class to do in order to further the cause of their 'pal' in trouble. Lies are manufactured by the wholesale and circulated broadcast, in order to turn public sentiment in favor of the criminal. Even a chicken thief will help a fellow rogue or criminal to escape a just penalty. Society demands that every good, law-abiding citizen keep his eye on the aiders and abettors of crimes."

## KINGSPORT, TENN., NEWS ITEMS

Follow the crowd to Kingsport on the Fourth.

Miss Lillian Tulloch was a visitor in Johnson City Thursday.

Work is progressing nicely on several of the principal streets.

Mr. Sevier of the Sevier Terrace addition, was in Bristol Saturday.

Mr. C. A. Harris spent the week end with his family in Johnson City.

Geo. Bentley spent a few days in Appalachia and Keokee last week.

Miss Libbie Jones is visiting relatives and friends in Glade Springs, Virginia.

Mr. M. F. Parsley spent Thursday in Erwin, where he was transacting business.

Mrs. E. L. McConnell of Bristol was visiting friends in Kingsport Sunday.

M. M. Malone, photographer, has opened a photo gallery on Cherokee street.

C. F. White, the hustling clerk for Cooper Bros., spent Sunday in Bluff City.

Dr. Yancy is doing some good work in a sanitary way, cleaning up the town.

Mr. M. Cousins, of Appalachia, Va., is transacting business in Kingsport this week.

Mrs. W. H. Snow of Church Hill accompanied Miss E. C. Taylor to Kingsport Saturday.

Mr. McPheny made a flying trip to Johnson City Monday evening, returning Tuesday.

The Kingsport Stores are laying concrete sidewalks around their building this week.

W. B. Poling of Kingsport Furniture Co. made a trip to Johnson City Tuesday on business.

J. M. Cooper of Cooper Bros. general store, made a trip to Keokee, Va., on business, this week.

Mrs. Emma Huneycutt has returned from a short visit with her folks in Greenville, S. C.

Mr. Nunnally of Kingsport Stores made a trip to Johnson City Monday evening, returning Tuesday.

Still the building wave continues to roll in Kingsport; hundreds of buildings are under construction.

J. H. Lynch of Dante, Va., the efficient road master of the C. C. & O. railway, was in Kingsport Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey and daughter, Mae, of the Federal Dye Plant, are guests of Hotel Kingsport for a few days.

Times Souvenir Issue.—Look for the Booster Edition of The Times for July 4th. Let every business be represented in this issue.

Dr. Yancy, who is in charge of the "clean up" movement, is doing some effective work. We are glad to see this good work going on.

Mr. C. A. Harris of M. F. Parsley & Co., will go to Watertown Thursday, where he will conduct an auction sale at that place.

W. T. Wohlford, of Dante, Va., train master of the C. C. & O. railway, was in Kingsport Saturday. Mr. Wohlford was agreeably surprised at the wonderful development of Kingsport.

Rooms, Buildings For Rent.—Giles & Tickle have a nice 13 room residence just about completed—will be for rent, furnished or unfurnished; also nice store room with 7 rooms overhead. See IRA L. TICKLE, at the building, Kingsport, Tenn.

Conductor P. H. Whitlow, of the C. C. & O., had charge of Nos. 2 and 5 June 17th, the U. C. T. picnic train. Mr. Whitlow expressed himself as having a most enjoyable day, and he further states the picnicers were well pleased with the hospitality shown them while in Kingsport.

Broad, Shelby, Commerce and Cherokee streets will soon be ready for the rock and we understand street paving will begin soon. Mr. J. Fred Johnson is doing much for Kingsport. Although a very busy man nothing escapes his notice. Mr. Johnson spares neither time nor money when it comes to improvements for Kingsport.

Dr. John H. Banks, of New York, has been spending several days at Fall Branch, this county, and at Arcadia, Sullivan county, making preparations for the development of large zinc fields in those sections. Dr. Banks, it is stated, is now staking the grounds, and making all necessary preparations for erection of buildings, for machinery, etc. The operations promise to be among the largest in the country.

Miss Elizabeth C. Taylor of Jefferson City, Tenn., has located as Public Stenographer in the Kingsport Times office. Miss Taylor was formerly a member of the faculty of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City. She is also a cousin of the late Gov. Robert L. Taylor. Miss Taylor is a stenographer of ability and any one in need of stenographic service will do well to call on Miss Taylor, Times office, phone 136, Kingsport, Tenn.

### Worn Out?

No doubt you are, if you suffer from any of the numerous ailments to which all women are subject. Headache, backache, sideache, nervousness, weak, tired feeling, are some of the symptoms, and you must rid yourself of them in order to feel well. Thousands of women, who have been benefited by this remedy, urge you to

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